

Frank thanked him with a deep sigh; he then, grasping his hand in the most affectionate manner, replied, "I cannot find words, my dear brother, to thank you as I wish to do; however, I know you will be satisfied with my imperfect acknowledgements—As to your request relating to my son, I am willing to comply with it, though I shall severely feel his separation from me, because I am sure he will be happily situated under your inspection: but I cannot tear myself from a spot, melancholy as it is, to which I have been so long accustomed."

John made several attempts to draw his brother from a place, which would perpetually raise the most painful reflections in his mind; but seeing him inflexible, he took leave of him on the day appointed for his departure, strongly assuring him, that he would pay the strictest attention to remittances, and that Harry should be his son by adoption.

On his arrival in London, John was received by his friend with open arms, and every thing relating to their partnership was very soon adjusted to their reciprocal satisfaction.

For about two years Harry behaved very well in his new situation, which gave his uncle the greatest satisfaction, but this was not to last, for by endeavouring to keep company with those who were his superiors, it

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proved, as the sequel will shew, his utter ruin.

Harry, by contracting an intimacy with one of the clerks, a young fellow of a good family, and highly connected, but certainly misplaced by his relations, having neither talents nor taste for the employment chalked out for him, acquired the same aversion to the business which fell to his share. Inflamed by the description Charles Lumley delivered of the spirited scenes in which he was engaged, as he had a genteel allowance from his father for his pocket expences, Harry became more sensible of his pecuniary wants, and wished with corroding anxiety, for a fortune sufficient to enable him to enjoy all the pleasures of the age. Extremely confined to his desk, and not suffered to go often to public diversion, seldom unattended by his uncle, he grew heartily tired of his pen and ruler, and longed for an opportunity to indulge his favourite passions without controul.

Inflamed with this desire, he threw off all restraint, and launched at once into the gay world with his new acquaintance, who supplied him with cash as far as his pocket would permit, and when that was gone, they had both resource to the gaming table.

His uncle, who with the greatest concern, beheld this change in his conduct, would often remonstrate with him upon it, and con-

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